

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the sentence beginning on line 14 of page 1 as follows:

--Electrosurgical forceps utilize both mechanical clamping action and electrical energy to [effect] affect hemostasis by heating the tissue and blood vessels to coagulate, cauterize and/or seal.--

Please amend the sentence beginning on line 7 of page 8 as follows:

--It is envisioned that the elastomeric material [is] may also be made from one or more electrically insulative materials.--

Please amend the sentence beginning on line 11 of page 13 as follows:

--[As elastomeric] Elastomeric material is defined herein as a macromolecular material that [return] returns rapidly to approximately the initial dimensions and shape after substantial deformation by a weak stress and release of the stress (strain ~ 100 to 200%).--

Please amend the sentence beginning on line 1 of page 18 as follows:

--The Inconel 600 coating is a so-called "super alloy" which is manufactured by Special Metals, Inc. located in Conroe, Texas.--

Please amend the sentence beginning on line 12 of page 18 as follows:

--In accordance with the present disclosure, the material of elastomeric shells 114, 124 is selected such that when jaw members 110, 120 are closed onto tissue ["T"] "T", elastomeric shells 114, 124 will compress and deform in order to maintain a substantially uniform gap "G" across the portion of the jaw which is in contact with the tissue.--

Please amend the sentence beginning on line 1 of page 23 as follows:

--Electrically insulative [spaces] spacers may be incorporated on the tissue contacting surface (or surfaces) to control gap “G”.--